"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

It's getting close to Christmas and farm wives are searching for gifts for their husbands. Today there are relatively inexpensive electronic calculators on the market that are extremely useful.

A few years ago I got one, not fully appreciating their usefulness. I find that I use it daily because it saves time. Sometime ago a call came from an adjoining county. The caller wanted some information on Appomattox County which required the addition of a list of numbers. As we were talking I used the electronic calculator to arrive at a total. The caller said I've never seen a person that could add that fast. They do save time and, of course, time is money.

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A number of people have asked for the formula for determining volume of ear corn in crib on a shelled basis. Multiply length X width X average depth X 4/10 for new corn. If the corn is old corn or dry the factor is 4/9 and if the corn is damp the factor is 4/11.

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Last week we mailed to all tax practitioners on our mailing list information on the 1976 tax practitioners schools. There may be those who are interested but did not receive the information. If you are one of those, call our office and we'll get it to you.

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President Ford has signed a law giving the Environmental Protection Agency until September 1977 to complete pesticide registrations. The law also prevents EPA from requiring private pesticide applicators, such as farmers, to take a test before certifying themselves as competent to use the chemicals. States could require them to take and pass tests, however.

It is my understanding that Virginia has decided to require private applicators to demonstrate competancy by satisfactorily passing a test.

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Some days ago information was sent to dairymen about withdrawal procedures when using antibiotics on dairy animals.

Last week similar information was included in **Swine Facts** mailed to hog producers.

This is an area where all producers of meat and dairy products need to be especially careful.

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Dr. Trout, Head of the Veterinary Science Department at Virginia Tech, says that if a dairyman is having a problem with as many as two of the following he is probably having trouble with all four-production, reproduction, mastitis, calf raising.

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We completed the 1975 Dairy Seminars last week. These were probably the most informative that we've ever had. I just wish that more of our dairymen could have participated.

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There have been several calls about Aphid control on turnips and other fall greens. There is no good control at this season of the year. Malathion or Dimetholate will control aphids but these insecticides are only effective when the temperaure is around 70 degrees.

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Opening week sales of fire-cured tobacco averaged $92.41, an increase of $5.19 over the opening prices a prices a year ago. Support prices are 65.2c per pound compared to 58.2c per pound a year ago.

Last year the crop averaged $81.57 per CWT.

PRECIPITATION:

This Week	.81
This Month	.96
This Year	61.04

Tops News
By Barbara Mayberry, Reporter

TOPS
by Pat Davidson, Tops Member

Because we are tired of being
so round,
We came to lose fat by the
pound,
Wishing will not make us thin,
To lose weight a diet you must
begin,
TOPS gives you courage and is
a friend,
Someone is always here with
help to lend,
To diet on my own I just
couldn't,
For to stick to a diet I wouldn't,
But here each week I must
weigh,
And I know that helps my will-
power each day,
I think "TOPS" is the greatest
way,
Because now I am losing day by
day,
So for eve one who is
over sight,
"TOPS" is the st step to take,
It doesn't matter how big you
might be,
There's no one to laugh at you
or me,
We are all fighting to be neat
and trim,
Don't be shy or afraid to join in,
I come here to "TOPS" each
Monday night,
And I can say it's DYNAMITE!

TOPS IS HELPS
By Fannie Terry, Tops Member

For years I never realized
How much help a club could be,
Until I found a club like TOPS
To share my weight problem
with me.

That's why this club called
TOPS
Means more than words can
say,
Just being a member of this
great club,
Helps lighten my load along the
way.

At the December 1 meeting, Mrs. Shirley Walton was the guest speaker. She gave a very entertaining program on Christmas decorations, which was enjoyed very much by all TOPS members. Thank you Shirley for visiting us once again!

Tops Qeen for the Month of December is Fannie Terrie, with the remarkable weight loss of 17½ pounds for one month! Runner-up is Louise Rosser. Receiving honorable mention: Ellen Stowe, Charlotee Bryant, Amy Christian, Hester Shull, Robert Foster, Barbara Mayberry, Thelma Knight, Bonnie Fleshman, and Lena Page. Those receiving jewelry were Sarah Robertson, Arlene Metz, Evelyn Austin, Patricia Davidson, Linda Foster, Betty Hodges, Kathleen Garlick, Nancy Litchford, Calvin and Rachel McGahuey, Rosalie Mitchell, Kathryn Morris, Bobbie Mullins, Emma Nash and Joann Shorter. Congratulations everyone!

Tops Spotlight this week is on Joann Shorter, who became a KOPSIN WAITING, which means she has reached her goal. Joann joined TOPS on Sept. 8, and reacher her goal at the Dec. 8 meeting. It's members like Joann who show that TOPS can and does help! Happy Week!

Girl Scout Troop 311 Winding Up Busy Year

Girl Scout Cadette Troop 311, along with their leaders Miss Delora Barksdale, and Mrs. June Coleman have been busy serving the community for the past Thanksgiving holiday as well as the coming Christmas season.

First they visited the Pineview Rest Home in Spout Spring for Thanksgiving and presented the patients with a nice fruit basket which they enjoyed very much.

Another one of their activities included spending their Saturday at the Spout Spring Nursing Home. They bought a live Christmas tree which they decorted for the patients and gave some handmade candles to use for decorations. Everything was especially appreciated.

Peggy Clark, Reporter

Christmas Canata Planned At Trinity Methodist Church

The Trinity United Methodist Church choir will present a "Singing Christmas Tree" cantata entitled "Christ Is Born" on Sunday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. L. A. Lawrence, the church pastor, is director and Mrs. Dorothy M. Martin is pianist.

The public is invited to attend.

Spout Spring Extension Homemakers

The Spout Spring Extension Homemakers will meet on December 11th at 7:30 at the home of Katherine Carson. This will be our Annual Christmas Party. Everyone please plan to attend.

Rev. Louis R. Cobbs To Speak At New Hope

Rev. Louis R. Cobbs, Secretary for Missionary Personnel for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will be the guest preacher for New Hope Baptist Church at Vera, on Highway 24 East, this coming Sunday, December 14, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Rev. Cobbs has held this position since November 1,1968. He directs the process of bringing missionary candidates to appointment for overseas service. He and associate secretaries counsel prospective missionaries, share information, and help them examine their motivations and qualifications for foreign missionary service. They work closely with the Mission Board personnel committee in the evaluation of candidates, the establishment of policy for missionary selection, and overall planning strategy for increasing new missionary appointments.

Rev. Cobbs has been with the Foreign Mission Board since 1964. Prior to that time, he was employed by the Department of Student Work of the Baptist General Convention of Texas for 5 years. He is a native of Dallas, Texas, and graduated from Howard College (now Samford University), Birmingham, Alabama, with the B. A. Degree. He also holds the B. D. and Master of Theology Degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Forth Worth, Texas. Rev. Cobbs is married and has four children.

The public is cordially invited to come worship at New Hope Church this Sunday morning and hear Rev. Cobbs tell about Southern Baptist missionary work around the world.

Providence Church To Present Christmas Play

YOU are invited to enjoy "Christmas Is A Miracle", a play by Wilma W. Burton, which will be presented by the young people on Sunday night, December 21,1975 at 7:30 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church in Red House.

The play is divided into three parts. Part I is The Promise, Part 2 is The Mirade, and Part 3 is The Fulfillment.

"A boy's discovery of John 3:16 and a reverent recounting of the story of Bethlehem highlight this Christmas program. The program is strongly supported by special music, both original and traditional."

The people at Providence Baptist Church believe that you and your family will enjoy this Christmas program and want you to come out and share it with them on December 21st.

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...ture: Mrs. Barbara Waddell, principal at Pamplin ...School; Mrs. Margaret Moss, State Department of ...Assistant for Southern Association of Colleges and ...Mrs. Jean Hesson, General Supervisor; and Mrs. ...Hesson, left to right above, are shown as they begin ...on Monday of this week.

...Year Self-Study Project Begins

...Mrs. Moss, State ...of Education, ...Southern As... Colleges and ...with committee ...Pamplin Elemen... ...on Monday. ...as they engage ...connected with the school's affiliation with SACS. The school entered into affiliation with SACS last July.

The self-study will be a two-year project conducted by the school's staff in conjuncion with School Board office personnel and the State Department of Education consultant.

USDA Announces 1976 Agricultural Conservation Program

The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced an $85 million 1976 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) designed to encourage the application of enduring soil and water conservation practices on the Nation's farms. The objective is to obtain needed conservation on farmlands beyond that which the farmer would accomplish with his own resources.

The 1976 program will be administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service through its farmer-elected committee system and will offer both annual and long-term conservation agreements with farmers. It will share with farmers from 50 to 75 percent of the cost of carrying out approved soil, water and woodland conservation practices. Under long-term agreements, cost-sharing will be scheduled over a period of from 3 to 10 years. The agreements will be based on conservation farm plans approved by local soil conservation districts.

As was the case for the 1975 ACP, authority to develop practices needed to solve conservation problems is delegated to each of USDA's farmer-elected county Agricultural Stabilizaiton and Conservation (ASC) Committees. All approved practices in effect under the 1970 national ACP are eligible.

In carrying out the 1976 program, State and county ASC committees are responsible for identifying the critical farm conservation problems in their respective areas and developing and approving practices for cost-sharing on a priority basis.

...Day At Promise Land

...al Men's day ...observed at the ...Baptist Church ...ening at 3 P.M. ...aker will be the ...ge and his men's ...the Chestnut ...Shiloh Baptist ...Amherst, Va. The ...of the program will ...by members of ...and Church Men's ...president, deacon ...ch will preside. ...ublic is cordially ...ted.

...program sponsor... board of the ...Baptist Church ...evening was a ... The sermons ...ed by the Rever... ...ns, C. L. Elliott ...Lewis. Special and ...ic was rendered ...y's family. The ...church served as ...emony. The Rev. ...assisted in the ...and and offered a ...r for the Rev. W. R. Jones who was scheduled to be on the program but was sick. Each minister delivered a soul stirring sermon. Everyone present enjoyed the entire service. Remarks were given by the chairman of the local board by deacon Alfred Fleshman. The offering which was very good was lifted by deacon Hudson and deacon Berry.

A very large crowd attended the regular preacing service at the Galilee Baptist church last Sunday morning. Beautiful music was rendered by the senior and Junior choirs.

The regular meeting of the NAACP will be held at the Galilee Baptist Church Monday evening at 7:30. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend. The committee on permanent organization will make its report.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church will be held this Saturday evening at 7 P.M. All officers and members are asked to attend. The report and accomplishments will be given from the church and its auxiliaries. The annual objectives for the new year will be presented by the pastor and the board.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the Zion Baptist Church last Sunday. Even though it was rainy weather it did not stop the members and friends. The pastor Rev. L. E. Hankins delivered an inspiring sermon. The message was very inductive. All present enjoyed the message. Two individuals joined the membership of the church in the person of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Coles. Mrs. Coles joined by letter and Mr. Coles joined by baptism. We the members of the church rejoiced with the pastor in receiving the new members.

The Pastor's Aid Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Magnolia Franklin Wednesday night at 7 P.M.

Deacon James Franklin reported $48.00 more on his rally which made a total for his part in the rally of $258.00. He would like to thank all members and friends who helped him in any way.

The Rev. Charles Franklin and his sister Mrs. Polly Franklin are still on the sick list. Mrs. Ora Smith is doing nicely in the Halifax Community Hospital.

Mrs. Virginia Hancock is receiving special treatment in the Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital.

Mr. Wilford McFay is improving in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Mon., Dec. 15 - Barbecue on bun, green peas, french fries, organge juice, cookies, milk

Tues., Dec. 16 - Pizza W/Cheese, garden salad, potato chips, apple sauce, cookies, milk

Wed., Dec. 17 - Fish squares on buns, cheese strips, peas & carrots, cherry cobbler, milk

Thurs., Dec. 18 -Smokehouse ham, Cauldron creamed potatoes, root cellar salad, apple pupton, steamhouse rolls w/ butter, crock of milk

Fri., Dec. 19 - Hot dog on buns, w/dressing, cole slaw, pinto beans, pear cubes, cookies, milk

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